

First Congregational Church of Sonoma, UCC ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES, 2020

Eligibility:

Our church bylaws state that endowment fund income is to be distributed on a regular basis to enhance the ministry and mission of our church. The bylaws specify that the income can only be used for one of the following four purposes:

- 1) The development of new, or the enhancement of existing, programs of the First Congregational Church of Sonoma.
- 2) Outreach in the community.
- 3) Buildings and grounds improvements or the reduction of related debt.
- 4) The wider mission of the church at home and overseas.

Funds available in this cycle

After reviewing our endowment investments and available cash, the committee has set this year's funding budget at \$10,000. Your proposal may be for all or part of this amount. If you request all of the budget, please be clear whether the project could go forward with partial funding.

Guidelines for your request:

In your proposal, please specify a) what you would like to use funds for, and which purpose or purposes specified above your proposal fits; b) what difference this funding will make; and c) detail the budget required.

The committee may have hard choices to make among competing good ideas, all of which deserve funding. So please also tell us why your request is important at this time. The more specific the proposal the better. (If you would like to see a copy of a proposal the committee found exemplary in the last round, contact the committee chair.)

Please be clear whether this is a one-time request; and, if not, how you would plan to fund the ongoing activity. Funds may not be available for your project next year.

Also be aware that if your proposal is funded, you will need to spend the money by April 1, 2021, and report directly to the congregation once you have completed your work (as we want to make endowment activities visible, in order to encourage contributions to it).

Deadline for Proposals

Submit your proposal by April 1, 2020, via email to Katherine Fulton, chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, at knfulton@gmail.com. Decisions will be made during April, with funds available by May 1.